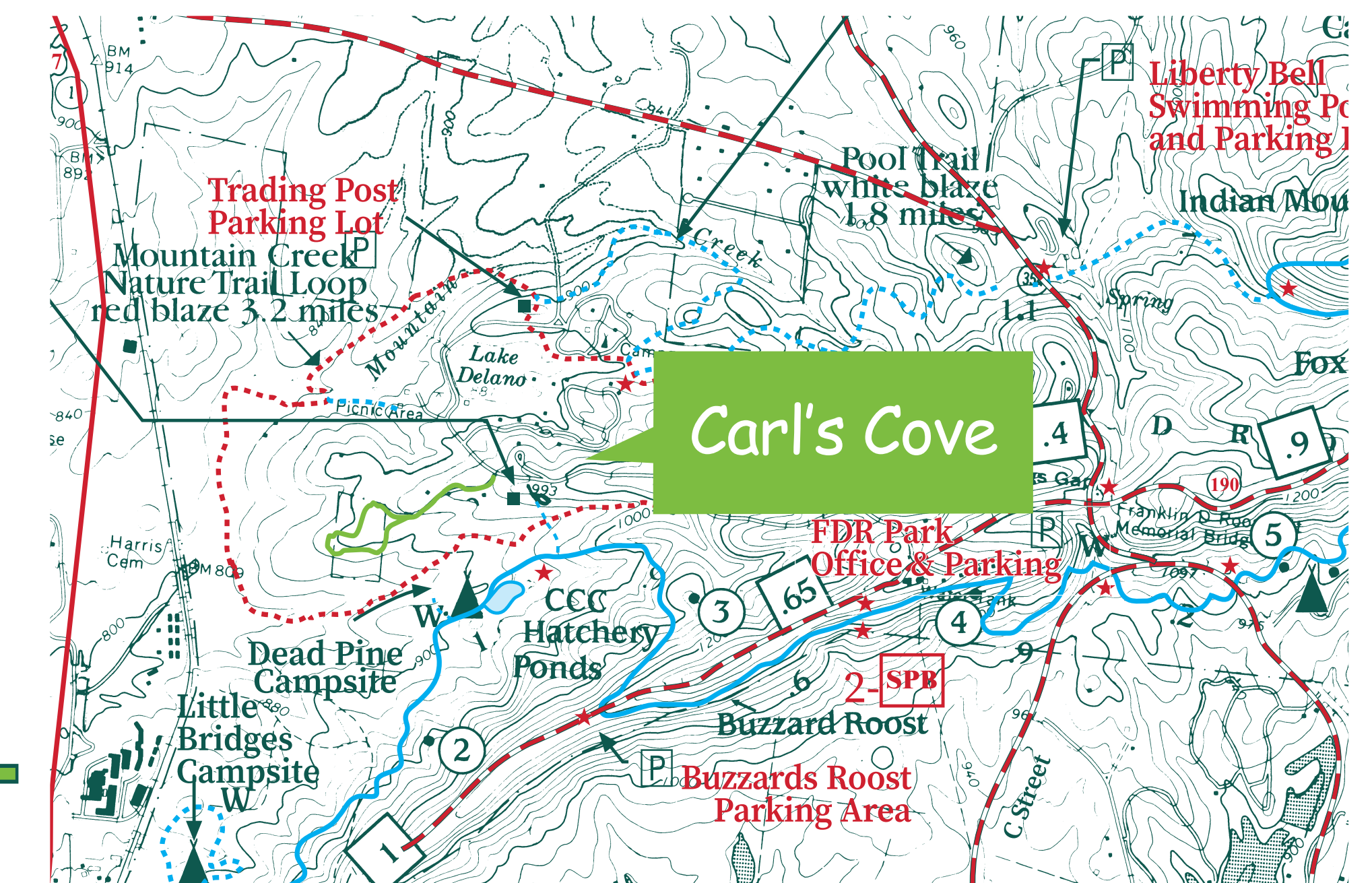


# CARL'S COVE

## an Easy Hiking Trail



Carl's Cove, Easy Hiking Trail, is a 4,809' foot "lollipop" loop, just under a mile. It is blazed in green and marked with green strip-signs showing the distance from the start in feet.

Starting from this point (●) you hike west along a wide, relatively smooth road like path for 370'. The path makes a small out-loop then back onto the road path after passing over a small bridge. At 1,183', turn left onto the main loop portion. There is a bench to rest and again at 2,340' and 2,764'. At the 2,764' point there is also a picnic table next to an old "home place" ruins rock chimney. House was from 1888. All along the path you will see tree and plant identification markers.

**CAUTION:** The trail is relatively smooth and flat but does not have crushed gravel for 2,443', a portion that goes off the "road" trail through the woods. Grade slope on the entire trail is less than 3%. The woods section is wide, and you may be able to use a three-wheeled child's stroller but no regular wheel chairs. This path is meant for foot travel only. NO BIKES!

The rectangle you see on the map was a private, landlocked piece of land that the Pine Mountain Trail Association bought in 2017 and sold back to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The trail clearing, benches, bridge and markings were provided by, and will be maintained by, the Pine Mountain Trail Association. Thanks to the Georgia DNR and FDR State Park for working with the PMTA to provide this trail.

**The trail's name comes from long time PMTA trail maintenance supervisor Carl Carlson, who led hikes and workdays from 1995 until shortly before his death in 2019. One of his desires was to have a trail such as this.**



The Carl's Cove Trail was built by volunteers working with the Pine Mountain Trail Association. It opened in 2022.